

**PARADISE FAS/BISCOFF ACQUISITION FACT SHEET
DECEMBER 2007**

FWP is proposing to purchase a fishing access site on the Clark Fork River at Paradise in Sanders County, with 4.29 acres in fee title for \$170,000 and an additional adjacent 8.31 acres in a permanent no-cost public recreational access lease, for a total of 12.6 acres. FWP is developing a float corridor on the Clark Fork from Missoula to Thompson Falls, with 16 FWP sites now in place as well as accesses operated by other entities. This site would address one of the existing gaps. This site sits 1.6 miles downstream from the confluence of the Flathead River and is 7.2 miles downstream from the USFS Cascade access on the Clark Fork, 5.4 miles downstream from the FWP Robertson Creek FAS on the Flathead River, and 6.1 miles upstream from a county access at Plains. The Clark Fork River receives 97,000 days of fishing annually from the mouth of the Bitterroot River to the Idaho border, but the river downstream from the Cascade access is underfished due to a lack of a suitable take-out. The next available take-out is 13.3 miles downstream at Plains. This site would help establish a better distribution of fishing use and promote the river as a float/fish corridor, providing opportunities for fishing, hiking, picnicking, bird watching, and waterfowl hunting.

OWNER:	▶ Michael P. Miesen Polson, Montana
PROPERTY RIGHT TO BE ACQUIRED:	▶ Fee Title
PROPERTY DATA:	▶ Property located in Sanders County, Montana ▶ T19N, R25W, Portions of Sections 21 and 28. ▶ East of Paradise approx. ¼ mile.
COST:	▶ \$170,000
FUNDING	▶ Fishing Access Acquisition Funds
PROCESS:	▶ Draft Environmental Assessment distributed; End of 30-day Public Comment Period 11/14/07; Decision Notice issued 11/15/07; FWP Commission Approval – 11/29/07.